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STATE ACQUIRES LONG ISLAND FUEL BASE: PLANS OUTLINED FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES

(Editor's Note: Director Arthur V. Smith of Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute has released to Nor' by East the following outline upon which current plans are proceeding. The State took over this former government property in January and negotiations are under way to fully activate the program here described.)

On November 9, 1967 a committee of SMVTI faculty and administration examined all the facilities of the fuel depot at Long Island. It is their opinion that the buildings, docks, and land offer an extremely unique facility for marine development. The buildings are in sufficient condition for housing and feeding for a minimum of seventy (70) people with installation of bedding and cooking ranges.

This site is the former United States Naval refueling depot on Long Island in Casco Bay. It is approximately 3 miles from the mainland and within the city limits of Portland. The site includes one-half mile of shore frontage and over 150 acres of land. Of the two piers, only one remains, and that pier will need repair. The site includes ten buildings in excellent repair. They include administration buildings, a fire station, boat repair and carpenter shops, storage depots, garages and generator houses.

Long Island is an integral part of the city of Portland with approximately 350 year round residents. The population increases to about 3,000 during the summer months. All utilities are available on the Island: Sebago water, Central Maine Power, and heating units need only to be fired. We propose that this site be converted to a marine biology field station with accompanying education functions. The water depth at the dock could facilitate gathering of specimens without the use of large boats. At mean low tide there is 35 feet of water. There are two salt water pumps that are so valuable to a marine biology station, and adjacent to the property is a public landing where daily passenger service lands the year round.

It is our proposal to train and expose secondary and college teachers to the marine environment. We have already gathered statistics to justify the need for training of teachers in the marine science field. Our Admissions Department has had more than one hundred inquiries from junior and senior high school guidance counselors requesting a

summer marine biology program for high school students. Our proposal would call for personnel and students to live upon the site for a six-week period with a return to the mainland on week-ends.

Our plans for making the facility ready would involve project training with use of our present programs of Building Construction and Heating and Air Conditioning. As an added project, our marine technology students would equip and install a field and wet-water laboratory for instruction and experiment. We have ample supplies to equip this station adequately and appropriately at a minimum cost to our Institution and the State.

At this time our program in Marine Technology is gathering specimens and data in this area of Casco Bay, and it would be practical for us to operate a lab at this site the year round.

Our Marine Technology Department and our marine biologists and science instructors are well qualified to teach and administer the programs that I have previously described.

Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute is prepared to develop this island location. The evaluating committee unanimously recognizes the great potential of this ready-made site. It would be almost impossible to find a more appropriate location.

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WATERFRONT ACTION ATTACKS POLLUTION

By Robert Skillings

A recent development in Portland's harbor improvement effort was an application to the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration for \$64,300 for more study of means of dealing with oil spills. Estimate of total cost of the project is over \$100,000, the balance above Federal grant to be met by "in kind" contribution of men and materials from local sources.

Such a Federal grant would be the first of its kind in the country. The local industrial research firm, Altenburg, Kirk & Co., assisted Edward Langlois of the Maine Port Authority in drawing up application for the grant.

Several groups have been putting effort into the improvement of the Portland waterfront and the solving of harbor pollution problems. Principal ones have been the Portland Harbor Pollution Abatement Committee and the Port Affairs Committee of the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce. The Mariners Yacht Club is at work on a clean-up campaign in sections of the waterfront.

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Far
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Island
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Cliff Island with Chebeague in background.

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**INFORMATION AND
SERVICE CENTER NOW
PART OF AREA PROGRAM**

As of April 1 the Information and Service Center adjacent to the Post Office on Peaks Island has become a part of the Portland Area Senior Citizen program sponsored by the United Community Services, and funded in part by a state grant.

The Center was opened on the first of July last summer under auspices of the CBIDA, and proved its usefulness throughout the summer. It has been in operation one day a week nearly all winter with a women's group doing crafts there under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Crossman and Mrs. Emmy Foye.

Frank Sheldon, vice president of CBIDA, is the Center's director and will be responsible for broadening the program under the state grant to include a variety of activities of a community nature.

Other Centers are being organized in Portland, South Portland and Westbrook, with a central operating unit at the United Community Services.

A retired postal worker, Mr. Charles Green, has been engaged by the UCS as the full-time director of the overall program, and a part-time social worker, Miss Dorothy Christopher, will assist. Also a part-time director of volunteers, Mrs. Barbara Laughlin, will help in recruitment for all six centers.

The Peaks Island center has been funded as follows: \$956 for rent, heat, lights and telephone for one year; and \$1,000 for supervision.

"In kind" matching services qualifying the Center for the funds allocated are represented in the volunteers who work there, furnishings, and assistance from the Lee Recreation Center and CBIDA.

Credit is due Frank Sheldon who has faithfully served as custodian and manager throughout the year without any remuneration of any kind.

The CBIDA forwarded funds to keep the Center going during the hard winter months after money earned by Center activities was exhausted.

The Center, emphasizing SERVICE, will now be responsible for greatly enlarged activities in keeping with the purpose of the state-wide program. While tourist information and community attractions may still be an active part of the Center, its primary purpose will necessarily involve health and social welfare information, programs and "outreach" to give tangible benefit to the older residents of the island.

Many helping hands and active minds will be needed to fulfill this new and broader purpose.

Inquiries may be made through Mr. Sheldon at the Center. The telephone number is 766-2946.



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STATE

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A long range project for this facility would be the combined use of any and all state or federal agencies or state institutions involved in the marine environment, making it a true marine station.

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Already we have had inquiry from the members of the proposed Consortium of seven original institutions in Southern and Central Maine, as well as colleges and universities who do not have available access to the oceans, requesting information and consideration as to cooperative use of the facility.

A budget has been funded for the Governor and Governor's Council for a total of \$31,000 for the first year.

WATERFRONT

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The Chamber of Commerce engaged the Urban Design Group of Newport, R. I., to make a 14-month \$60,000 study of the waterfront and its future. This study is in process.

The Harbor Pollution Abatement Committee, supported by South Portland oil terminals, put \$7,500 into a 1500-foot plastic oil-containment boom. Use of this boom and efforts to emulsify spilled oil have met with only partial success.

The biggest boost to improvement of harbor conditions in many years was contributed by the devoted work since November, 1966, of Captain Eugene F. Walsh, Captain of the Port, and Commander of the South Portland Coast Guard. He, with his assistants, has been making a project of ridding the harbor of debris and pollution, and making the waterfront safer. He called for enforcement of Federal laws, heretofore ignored. He brought some offenders to court, but accomplished more by using his influence with waterfront businessmen to persuade them to do the right thing. His friends referred to Capt. "Casey" Walsh as the greatest port captain we have ever had. In March, just before his transfer to the command of an ice-breaker to be used in the Arctic, they gave a dinner in his honor, attended by over 100.

Rear Admiral W. W. Childress, commander of the First Coast Guard District, Boston, presented to Capt. Walsh a Coast Guard Commendation Medal and a certificate for "meritorious achievement in waterfront improvement." Charles Stickney, Jr., president of the Casco Bay Council, Navy League, presented him with a plaque for "meritorious service." A gift from the Portland Harbor Pollution Abatement Committee was a mounted gold-plated oil can, and from the Chamber of Commerce was a gun case, gold-lettered Eugene F. "Casey" Walsh, Captain U. S. C. G.

Lance Tapley had an illustrated two-page story in the Maine Sunday Telegram "On the Waterfront." Photos by Charles H. Merrill, Jr., pointed up the need of improvements by depicting the dilapidated condition of five of our wharves.

After reviewing all factors in the present situation, Mr. Tapley concluded: "The odds on whether further progress will be made are at least 50-50. Which is a brighter outlook than the waterfront has had in decades."

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PORT HAS NEW CAPTAIN

Cmdr. Robert A. Lee, who has been on the staff of the cutter Cook Inlet, has succeeded Capt. Eugene F. Walsh as Captain of the Port and in command of the South Portland Coast Guard Base. His last assignment was as administrative officer at the Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md.

Lee was in consultation with civic leaders and fire chiefs early in April. He said that he had been well informed about Capt. Walsh's great work in this area, that he was aware of the Coast Guard's attacks on the water pollution problem, and that he hoped effectively to carry on the programs initiated by Walsh.

HOW WE CAME TO PEAKS

By Louise Frink

We are indeed enthusiastic about Peaks Island and are impatiently biding our time until June and the end of the school year.

Seven years ago my college teacher husband moved us from Massachusetts to the mid-west. We very much enjoy living in Ohio, where Orrin is a professor of modern languages at Ohio University, but we soon found the thing we missed most was the Atlantic Ocean. My husband had spent summers in Kennebunkport, and later summer visits there cultivated our love for the Maine seacoast. Last year we decided our vacation budget would allow a more extended stay in Maine and we appealed to our cousins, Joe and Luciel Wilson, who lived "on an island somewhere near Portland," to help us find a summer rental. Fortunately for us, friends of theirs had bought a cottage the year before and were unable to occupy it that summer . . . our introduction to Peaks Island!

Late in July, the Frink family — Mark (9), Paul (7), Neal (4), baby Barry, Sasha our Labrador Retriever, Mom, Dad, belongings too numerous to mention — all managed to fit into our VW squareback and we headed for Peaks Island and the cottage the Wilsons had found for us.

What a marvelous six weeks we had! We explored the island inside and out. The seven of us saw things and found places that were new to even our sons' "native" pals. We bought huge lanterns and explored the insides of bunkers, we swam and particularly enjoyed Sandy Beach, we picnicked everywhere and soon found a favorite spot with a natural fireplace and rock picnic table; we ferried to explore parts of other islands; we set up a saltwater aquarium and from our tidal pool expeditions kept it stocked with an array of ocean life; we fished from the old Army pier and dined on our success; we watched the wild deer of our island clean up after picnickers on a Sunday afternoon; Orrin learned to sail; the boys took crew lessons; and we fell in love with the lure and romance of the wind and a sail. In short, we spent a delightful vacation on Peaks Island and fell in love with the Casco Bay area.

Just before returning to Ohio we bought a cottage near Evergreen Landing. Formerly owned by the Waites, it now is known as the Orrin Frink's! Now we are waiting eagerly for our return to the island, the fresh breezes and sparkling sun on Casco Bay.

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GLEANINGS FROM CHEBEAGUE ISLAND

By Jeanne Mowrey

It is good to report that Chebeague Island wintered well. It is said that there have been snowier, more severe winters but folks are looking back a long time to find a winter when ice came so early into the Bay and stayed so long. The Coast Guard had to come in two or three times to break out the Stone Pier.

Those who work on the mainland and must travel every day really appreciated Smitty and Lindy and their water taxi, the Poll-Lin for all the efforts and successes in getting them over there, ice and all. Some pretty strange antics took place when the ice forced some rather unusual boardings and disembarkings from the boat.

Chebeague Island has come to mean so much to the following people that they have purchased homes here, or have moved here permanently:

Mr. and Mrs. William LaGanke and family from Wallingford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. William Hodge from Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Regie Day from Sudbury, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. David LeClaire from North Yarmouth, Me.; Elizabeth Berg from New York City; and Ruth Libby from Limestone, Me.

The islanders mourned the passing of Stanly Doughty, Franklin Hill, Mary S. Doughty, Philip Seabury and Everett Rich.

We hailed the arrival of Johnathan Komlosy, newborn son of Bonnie and Jim Komlosy and Sally Brewer, newborn daughter of Diane and Hartley Brewer.

We haven't had any marriages on the island lately but the future looks promising for Miss Jackie Doughty, daughter of Sanford and Mabel Doughty of Chebeague, who announced her engagement to George Trask from Bernard, Me. We are looking forward to a June wedding.

To close with a look to the very near future, we are happily anticipating Smitty getting his new boat, Polly-Lin II back into the water for use as an excursion boat this summer. He had it built on Beals Island, brought it down in December and has been working on it in dry-dock most of the winter. She's a fine looking boat, too!



NILS WESSELL

HONORS FOR DR. WESSELL, CHEBEAGUE SUMMER RESIDENT

The many Maine friends of Dr. Nils Wessell, former president of Tufts College, have been hearing a lot about him.

He recently became president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in New York; he has been named by Governor Curtis to the Super-Board for the new University of Maine (combining all of the State colleges); and he is receiving an honorary degree from Bates College.

Dr. Wessell is a long-time summer resident of Chebeague Island and a devotee to the Casco Bay area.

The Sloan Foundation was established in 1934 and its interests are in the fields of science, technology, management and higher education. According to the Brown Alumni magazine the Foundation had assets with a market value of more than \$325,000,000 at the end of the year.

In taking the new post Dr. Wessell leaves as president of the Institute for Educational Development, a non-profit research organization in New York, where he has been associated since retiring from Tufts University in 1966 after 13 years as its president. He holds many directorships in both business and educational organizations.

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IT'S CP MONTH — Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis receives a painting Wednesday from Miss Donna McIntyre, Miss Peaks Island. In the background are Execu-

tive Councilor Harold L. Stewart of Presque Isle, left, and council chairman L. Robert Porteous Jr. of Cumberland.

Curtis, Council, House Have Applause For Miss Peaks Island, Palsy Victim

AUGUSTA — A girl who became Miss Peaks Island in spite of a lifelong handicap of cerebral palsy received the commendations of Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis and his council and a standing ovation by the Maine House of Representatives Wednesday.

Miss Donna McIntyre, a Portland High School sophomore, came to the State House to call attention to Cerebral Palsy Month.

She presented Gov. Curtis a painting by Peaks Island artist Laurence Tibbetts and a color slide of a group of foreign cor-

respondents at a Peaks Island picnic.

The painting is a water color of Battery Steele, a World War II harbor defense site, which is intended as the site of an International Vacation Conference Center for United Nations personnel.

The color slide enlargement showed a group of foreign correspondents from the U.N. having a picnic on Whaleback ledge at the Peaks Island shore last summer, a part of the annual home hospitality program sponsored by the Casco Bay Development Association. Miss McIntyre was an honorary hostess at the event last summer.

House Speaker David J. Kennedy, R-Milbridge, referred to the pretty teen-ager as an example of how courage and perseverance can overcome such a severe handicap.



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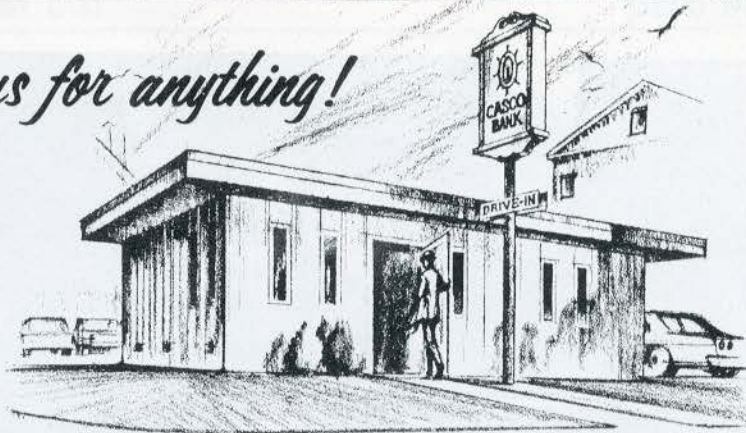
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AUGUSTA BANK OFFICIAL ACTIVE IN PROJECT OCEANSIDE

In the past several months the CBIDA has been fortunate in having the active assistance of Paul Bruk, an official of the Depositors Trust Company, Augusta, who is working closely with the Steering Committee on plans for the proposed International Vacation Center as a part of Project Oceanside.

Recently Mr. Bruk and his bank entertained two luncheon meetings with representatives of the Maine colleges to exchange ideas in types of programs which might be suggested for the Conference Center part of the proposed development. Many helpful ideas came from the two meetings.

Mr. Bruk recently moved to Maine from New York and his wide business experience and connections are a very helpful adjunct to the CBIDA planning body. When progress is made, even slowly, it is expected to be on solid ground with the top level consultants now available to them.

Also continuing their volunteer services are two other young men of Augusta, Mr. Edward Schlick, president of a fast growing public relations and Research firm, ARCO, Inc.; and Mr. Charles Micoletau, currently research director for the Maine Democratic Party.

The offices of Governor Kenneth M. Curtis, and the assistance of the Maine Department of Economic Development are other assets helping to assure the success of the development plans for Peaks Island's beautiful "back shore."

One Step Ahead

The fellow who tells everyone he keeps his wife guessing is probably dancing with her.

KENTUCKY SHOWING OF MISS TREFETHEN'S WATER COLORS

Members of the local art association received neatly printed invitations, featuring a reproduction of a "Whaleback" water color, to attend the opening Apr. 26 in Louisville, Kentucky, of an exhibit of Miss Jessie B. Trefethen's water colors. The showing continued until May 14 at the Gallery of the Art Center Association.

Charles James Wright, Peaks summer resident and professor in the art department of the University of Louisville, made arrangements for this exhibit. He transported 43 of Miss Trefethen's works, mostly of Peaks Island scenes, to Louisville, and put mats and frames on 26 of them during the winter. Most of these were produced during the last three summer seasons as result of Miss Trefethen's almost daily application to her work.

Professor Wright shares Miss Trefethen's dedicated love of Peaks Island. He designed the 1967-68 art calendar published by the Casco Bay Island Development Association. Besides owning a summer home on the oceanside of Peaks, he acquired the former Whitney "stone house" on the island's Tolman Heights.

PROJECT OCEANSIDE MOVES FORWARD

In a letter to bondholders in February, CBIDA president Theodore T. Rand outlined recent progress in surveys and preparation of the oceanside area of Peaks Island under the development program of the Association. The following procedures were described:

- A. The program encompasses the field layout of the following boundaries:
 1. The boundary between the approximately 100-acre tract already deeded to the City of Portland as "Open Space" land and the remaining land of CBIDA.
 2. The inshore boundary of Seashore Avenue continued from the South Gate Subdivision to the North Gate.
 3. The boundaries at the approximately 18-acre tract that we propose to exchange with the City of Portland for the so-called "Navy Area" near the North Gate which the City has acquired, and which will be used for future building lots.
- B. The program includes presentations to the Portland Planning Board and City Council to obtain final approval of the South Gate Subdivision and approval of property exchanges resulting in City ownership of Seashore Avenue and the above mentioned 18-acre tract in exchange for the "Navy Area."

Progress to date includes preliminary approval of the South Gate Subdivision by the Portland Planning Board; soil percolation tests for the South Gate building lots; the boundary surveys have been completed (costs shared by CBIDA and the City); and the final exchange action is scheduled for early May following presentation to the City Council.

"We have every hope and expectation of being in a position to hold a drawing for the lots in the South Gate Subdivision by early summer in order that building plans by the bondholders may proceed," says president Rand.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN MEMORIAL

A living testimony to the life of service to others exemplified by the late John W. Chapman is the Memorial fund which has now reached \$1,000.

The Steering Committee of the CBIDA has selected a first project for the fund's use — the contribution of a series of TIME-LIFE books on the United States to be presented to the school libraries of each of the four year-round islands.

The first book to be presented this spring is the one on the New England States. A community organization on each island will be designated as receiver of the books so that they will be owned by the island itself rather than the School Department.

A bookplate in the front will bear the appropriate inscription in memory of Mr. Chapman.

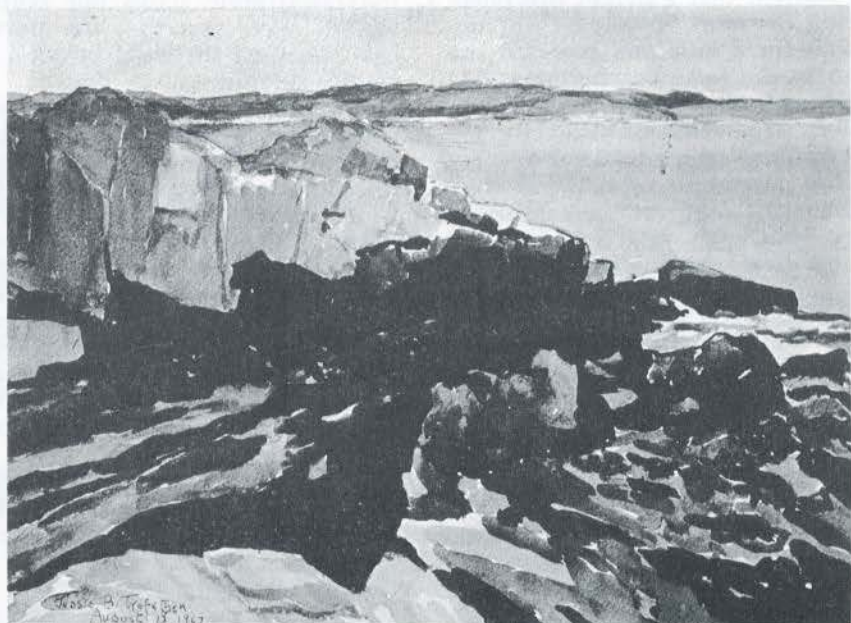
Winthrop K. Deane, trustee of the Fund, will invest it and designate the interest for annual use so that the principal may continue to grow.

Any additional contributions may be made at any time to further the purpose of human service for which the fund is to be used.

SUCCESS

That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

Robert Louis Stevenson



"Whaleback" - Peaks Island, Maine

WAR GAMES 65 YEARS AGO!

By Francis D. O'Connor

One bright August morning in 1903, when I was a boy of thirteen, I was wandering along the path which skirted the ocean side of Long Island. I carried a small single-shot twenty-two calibre rifle and was proud that I had graduated from an air rifle. I was very careful of it, as kids were in those days, and never fired it recklessly into the woods where someone might be picking berries.

As I approached the eastern end of the island, I saw two gunboats slowly advancing between Cliff and Hope Islands. Each was towing a long string of open boats filled with men. I recalled that we were in a period of so-called war games and that Navy and Army units were playing at combat around Portland. We had a battalion of national guard encamped on the western end of Long Island somewhere in the region of the big sand beach. As the gunboats swung in towards Long Island and headed for the passage between Long and Great Chebeague, I hastened to be at the scene. When I got to the east end sand beach, the long boats, which I now saw were filled with sailors, were landing their men on that quiet strand and people from neighboring houses were rushing out to see the invasion.

My boyhood days were those of the Spanish-American War, the Philippines War, and the Boxer uprising in China, so I had read a lot about soldiers and sailors. Now here I had before my eyes an actual landing of armed forces such as I had read about in books. The men tumbled ashore with their rifles and supplies and were lined up on the beach while their officers dashed about giving them orders. While this was going on the gunboats began to sail along the south shore of Long Island firing an occasional shot as if bombarding enemy positions. They too were headed for the west end of the island held by the soldiers.

I watched the scene spellbound. But I soon realized that I should run home and bring the news. I hurried through the woods for a mile and reported the invasion to the folks on the other side of the island. It was not long before the sailors, a few hundred of them, came marching along the road, Island Avenue, in all the panoply of war. They were headed for the camp of the soldiers at the west end.

By this time the soldiers had been alerted and when the sailors reached a point beyond Harbor Grace rifle fire broke out and the battle was on between the invaders and the defenders. The gunboats had gone up to Hussey's Sound and opened fire towards Fort McKinley on Great Diamond. At any rate, the battle eventually ended and the army defenders of Long Island fraternized with their naval opponents.

Sometime after noon the sailors began to march by our cottage returning to their landing point at the east end sand beach. Some were being transported in old island wagons. These



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might have been taken for the wounded but they were really men overcome by the good cheer of Long Island. Maine, in those days, was assumed to know not the Demon Rum; but one who refers to the annals of the time will learn that the rascal stole across our borders in various ways and that the pursuit of him was then the chief business of our county sheriffs.

I was back at the beach to see the embarking of the sailors for their departure from Long Island. They were lined up and marched to the long boats which were to be towed back to the fleet by the gunboats which had returned from the foray on the west end. The boys scrambled aboard the white boats and the "wounded" were tossed into the water to cool them off before the take-off. It was not long before the loaded boats were being towed away in the direction from which they had come in the morning.

And so peace descended upon Long Island, the only memories of the war games being some souvenirs like blank cartridges and hardtack and debris picked up along the invasion route. Greater and more realistic "war games" were to come to Long Island during the first and second World Wars.

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LONG ISLAND WILL BE IN JUNE MAGAZINE

As is their custom, magazines have to work far ahead of each issue's season for their features. Thus it was that on a cold and stormy day in February Mr. B. Anthony Stewart of the National Geographic, accompanied by his wife, arrived on Long Island.

By prior arrangement with the Ivy Class of the Long Island Methodist Church, he had come in search of pictures for an article featuring the Maine coast and planned for the June issue.

In his quest for people and places he visited the home of Mrs. Howard Flash where the ladies of the Ivy Class were holding a quilting bee. After taking pictures there he went to Harbor de Grace with Zoeth Rich and took more pictures.

Although the weather was such that it was questionable if the Stewarts would be able to get off the island that night, CBL came through and all was well.

Subsequently it has been learned that one of the photographs of Mr. Rich has won for cameraman Stewart a coveted first prize in the annual Showing of Pictorial Photographers with over two thousand entries from six hundred photographers.

The June issue will be awaited with interest by Long Island residents.

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FIFTH INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND SLATED

On August 15, the weekend between the major political conferences, another group of foreign journalists and diplomats will visit the Casco Bay area.

It is hoped that those who have previously entertained houseguests for this event will again participate, and that new homes may be added.

This will be a significant year in the midst of much national and international debate. The Foreign Correspondents Center through which the affair is arranged on the New York end, has suggested that the press conference this year may be a bi-partisan political conference from the Maine scene.

Robert W. Laughlin, Great Diamond Island, has agreed to serve again as chairman. Anyone interested in taking part may contact him either at the island or at his South Portland home.

NOR' by EAST regrets to announce the passing of the following island residents:

Roy A. Randall, Peaks Island artist.

Ernest Town, Peaks Island, retired printer; member of the Brackett Memorial Church choir.

Mrs. Gertrude E. Ingraham, of Ocean View Terrace, Peaks Island, recently serving as house mother at Vermont College, Montpelier.

James D. McDonough, Peaks Island fisherman lost by drowning from the New Bedford scalloper off the New Jersey coast.

Mrs. Ursula S. Briggs, mother of Mrs. Waterman Sterling, and sister of Miss Jessica Parks, Peaks Island.

Sadly missed in the Casco Bay Catholic parishes is the **Rev. Gerald D. O'Rourke**, assistant pastor of the St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church whose untimely death occurred suddenly at age 27.

Mr. Grafton N. Thurrell Peaks Island Captain **Robert O. Smith** Peaks Island On Long Island:

Albert H. Bergman, longtime summer resident — of Cambridge, Mass.

CITY OFFICIAL WAS FRIEND OF THE ISLANDS

A shocking loss to a young family, to the City of Portland and to the Islands was the sudden death of **Bruce Dalton**, City Planning Director, on Maundy Thursday before Easter.

He leaves his wife and four small boys.

Mr. Dalton was a vitally important leader in City Planning and was most instrumental in assisting and guiding the affairs of the CBIDA which related to City codes and City land acquisition. It was through his counseling that CBIDA was able to utilize the resources of the federal Open Space program in allocating 100 acres of Project Ocean-side for City parkland. At the time of his death Mr. Dalton was guiding the subdivision at the South Gate through the Planning Board in preparation for its presentation to the City Council.

He will be missed both as a professional and personal friend of the Association officers.

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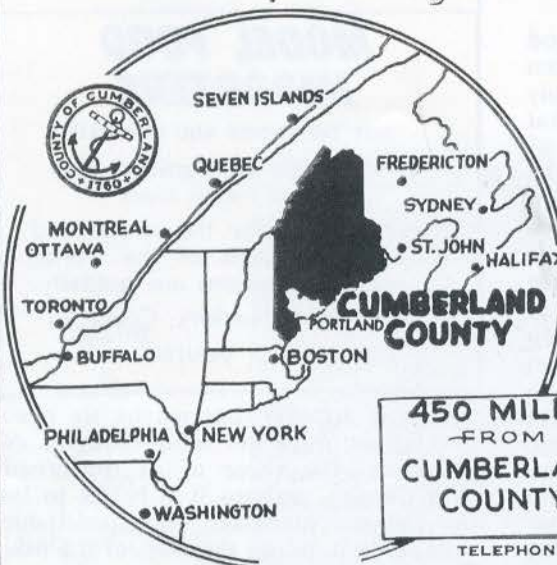
NEW LIFE FOR THE STONE HOUSE

We're sorry to admit it isn't so; it looked glorious in print. We didn't buy the former Fort Leavitt on Cushings Island, as reported in the mid-winter issue, but only a very small part of it — two acres perhaps, and the stone house on it. Neither are we making extensive renovations, but only minor ones that require intensive work. Outside, we're clearing land slowly, we've hung swings from the big oak in back. Inside, we're scraping paint off the walls, banisters, stairs. We're painting, glazing, varnishing. The time we've spent, George and I and all four children — Eliza, 11; Nat, 10; Seth, 7; and Peter, 5 — is and will be extensive, and the difference is already heartening. We'd be glad to show anyone around our stone house on Cushings Island; it was built in 1890, so it says on the side, along with a gargoyle face that juts leeringly out. It was designed by John Calvin Stevens.

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ON MAN AND THE SEA

By Prof. H. E. Hackett of Little Diamond Island and Bates College

It has been said that to live in the sea is to live in a bowl of soup. In order to eat, all one has to do is open one's mouth. Thus with such plenty the sea is incredibly rich in living creatures, both in kind and number. Indeed then the limiting factor for the abundance of life in the sea is not so much finding food as it is finding a place to settle. This is not the case with man's world above the sea, at least not yet.

In man's envy of the richness of the sea, his attitude toward it has not changed since the first net snared the first fish. Man still approaches the sea as a hunter and gatherer, just as he did in the dawn of his own being. Our future dealings with the products of the "silent world" are, as ever, approached in this way. Most popular articles on the subject of future food sources from the sea deal with tales of great nets scooping up hoards of minute creatures (plankton). These are, so the articles say, to be processed into little lumps for human consumption. Woe be unto that industry when some idle consumer looks with a magnifying glass at those very lumps on his dinner plate, all those little legs, eyes, and shells — ugh! (For a more lucid discussion of this squeamish matter do read a book by Archie Carr called *Ulendo*.)

Indeed these thoughts and attitudes are about as uneconomical as they are impractical. With the development of the proper conservation minded approach coupled with the proper understanding of the habits and ways of such things as fish and lobsters, man will not need to exhaust one source after another in his headlong pursuit for food. Only this unthinking pursuit would bring man ultimately to eating plankton. And at this stage I am sorry to inform those so inclined that the eating of plankton causes constipation.

What of this stuff called plankton, now that it is not human food? Of course, plankton is fish food.

Now for a moment consider food stuffs in their entirety. Only between 1 and 2% of the world's food supply comes from the sea. One will agree that this is nearly nothing at all. But what of the starving millions, cannot they make better use of this percentage? They can and no doubt will. However, the existence of these hungry people is quite inconsistent with the fact that science is revealing the enormous potential of our soil. Compare the family corn patch of 25 years ago to the American prairie today, or the eroded South in the 30's with its present-day green. No end to this ever increasing production is seen. But not being an economics or sociology specialist, I am not sure why people are hungry. But, I suspect that it is a matter of improper food distribution along with unscientific agricultural methods. Surely the world is not lacking the ability to feed itself from its soil.

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It now appears that maybe we need not bother ourselves with thoughts of plankton. For those of us concerned with the sea, perhaps it is better to let the fish eat plankton, and spend our time understanding the ways of the fish, so that we do not eliminate it altogether in the primitive manner of the hunter and gatherer.

PEAKS IN PERSPECTIVE

The early days of last December ushered winter in with dismaying realism. Day after day the heavy mists greyed the bay and soaked the island in a chilling drizzle.

Then, suddenly, on the 13th the mists lifted and a bright sun embraced the island in the radiance of its sunshine.

By happy coincidence this was the day that we three Notre Dame nuns took up winter residence on Peaks. And the sun laughing through the mists was a delightful prelude to the warm and sincere welcome of the little island community. Establishing friendly relations with the people was almost automatic since their response to our presence and our purpose was so genuinely gracious.

We now laughingly recall how our formal reception transformed itself into a happy reunion rather than an occasion of nervous introduction.

Our first five months residence have sped by; one month fusing into another almost unnoticed. Winter with its sub-zero weather, ice and snow was a rugged experience but with many compensations in the form of the solicitous kindness of the island people and the scenic beauty of Peaks in its winter wrappings.

We came to the island parish with one thought — to serve the people in any way possible and share their life, to be one with them in their joys, sorrows, hopes and aspirations. And now after so short a time among them, we feel a gratitude hard to express. We are deeply grateful for their acceptance of us and for the privilege of becoming so much a part of their lives.

Sister Rita (Superior)
Sister Gertrude
Sister Margaret

Seasonal Hazard

It's getting so that every time you put your hand out the window to signal a left turn some candidate grabs it and shakes it.

—THE CROSSETT (ARK.) OBSERVER.

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND

Yacht Club — has 84 paid-up members and will promote and expand activities next summer under the leadership of newly-elected Commodore Henry Hubbell.

Outgoing Commodore Gordon Trower won plaudits at the annual meeting for his work during the first two years of the Club's existence. Also commended was Dorrit Weiss and Richie Hubbell for valuable instruction in sailboating with 25 beginners and intermediates taking part.

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